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Remarks

The Office Action mailed April 14, 2004 has been received and reviewed. Claims 1, 15 and 22 having been amended, and claims 10, 21 and 23-27 having been cancelled, the pending claims are claims 1-9, 11-20 and 22. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Applicant notes that claims 10, 21, and 22 were indicated as allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of their respective intervening and base claims. Applicant has presented amended claim 1 incorporating the limitations of allowable claim 10 and amended claim 15 incorporating the limitations of allowable claim 21. The dependency of claim 22 has been amended in view of the cancellation of claim 21.

In view of these amendments, Applicant submits that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 are rendered moot. Entry of the amendments and withdrawal of the rejections are, therefore, respectfully requested.

Applicant does, however, reserve the right to traverse the rejections under §§ 102 and 103 and any assertions made in support of those rejections in any continuation applications filed with claims directed to the rejected subject matter.

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims 1-9, 11-20 and 22 are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to

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contact Applicant's Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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